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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs

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COMMODITY ORDERS

The Commodity Order form for ordering your 2007-08 commodities is now available on the OPI Web site at www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/foodDistNEW.html. An updated entitlement list is also available. When placing your orders be sure to order a variety of commodity products. The USDA provides dollar guidance to states when using entitlement dollars. Approximately 41 percent of our entitlement dollars can be used for the purchase of Meat/Fish, 32 percent for Poultry/Eggs and 27 percent for Fruits/Vegetables. The deadline for placing orders is **February 28, 2007**. Please do not wait until the deadline to place your orders. The USDA deadline for cheese orders is March 1, 2007.



COMMODITY PRODUCTS

Following is a list of new products that you will find on the 2007-08 Commodity Order form.

A707 Pork Cooked Seas Patty
A417 Strawberry Cups Frz.
B037 Mozzarella, LMPS, Shred Frz.
B537 Rice, Brn. Lng. Grn, Quick Cook
Applesauce Shelf Stable Cups

The Pork Patties, the Mozzarella, LMPS, Shred Cheese and the Strawberry Cups were selected by the members of the ABC Committee at their November meeting.

The USDA has listed the Applesauce Cups as a **possible** new item. The item is on the order to survey schools for interest in new products. We will place an order based on the results.

The Quick Cooking Long Grain Brown Rice was added to help schools meet the USDA whole grain requirement.

ORDERING HAS BEGUN

The USDA has already begun releasing surveys for some products.



The deadline for ordering the Strawberry Cups was January 31, 2007. We have placed an order for one truckload (1400 cases) for an August 2007 delivery to Montana's warehouse.

A truckload (1848 cases) of **Bonus** Cherries Dried 4 has also been ordered. The USDA limits bonus items and Montana's entitlement was a half truckload so there is a possibility we may not receive the cherries.

Other items that have been purchased for the 2007-08 school year are Pears, Apple Slices and Strawberries, Sliced, Frz.



COMMODITY FOOD NETWORK (CFN) ONE PUBLIC FACE WEB SITE

The CFN Web site can be found at www.commodityfoods.usda.gov. The USDA Commodity Food Network (CFN) is the first ever one-stop federal Web site that provides direct access to all services and resources available for the USDA Commodity Food Distribution Programs.

SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was created to serve nutritious meals to children when National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program meals are not available and to ensure all children receive proper nutrition throughout the year. The SFSP reimburses schools and organizations that prepare and serve meals to eligible children during the summer.

If interested in becoming an SFSP sponsor, please contact Sofia E. Janik at (406) 444-2521 or (406) 444-2501. Information is also available on the Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Program Web site.

The application deadline for being an SFSP sponsor this year is **April 27, 2007**, for previous year sponsors, and **May 18, 2007**, for new sponsors.

